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Deltas to unveil campus monument

BY KRIS CECIL
Staff Reporter.

The Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will unveil their campus monument Saturday while celebrating their 75th chapter anniversary.

Evelyn Robins Hardin, 97, the last of six members that helped create the chapter in 1936, will have the honor of unveiling the Delta monument.

After the 70th year anniversary in 2006, chapter members discussed plans to invest and create a monument that would be unveiled during this year's homecoming celebration.

After two years worth of saving, Alpha Chi will be the first female Greek organization with a plot on campus.

They will join the Rho Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and the Beta Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. as organizations that have made their monumental mark on campus.

"We wanted to be the first (sorority with the plot)," said Gloria Johnson, campus advisor and organizer of the anniversary celebrations.

"Various Deltas from all over that are not even members of our chapter donated large sums of money to help us fund our monument," Johnson continued. "We accepted donations from \$100 up to over \$1000."

Johnson, who serves as interim dean of the College of Humanities, crossed "The Magnificent 37" in 1967 and has

since been actively involved with improving the chapter.

"My phone has not stopped ringing recently from sisters who want to be a part of the 75th university monument unveiling," she said. "Sisters are honored and eager to meet our oldest living chapter member Evelyn Hardin."

Alumni and undergraduate sorority members also volunteered at Tennessee Titans' games in the past two years as a way to increase revenue and help make the monument a reality.

"We had to hustle to make it happen," said Jenea Graham, a senior business administration major from Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to the plot, Alpha Chi also plans to use the monies gathered to offer scholarships once a year.



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Contractors erect parts of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. monument on campus. The chapter will unveil the monument during a 75th anniversary ceremony tomorrow morning.

Former TSU employee slain

BY Christopher T. Patterson
Managing & News Editor

Edward Wisdom Junior passed away at his North Nashville Moorewood Drive, home on Oct. 28.

"I used to check him out when I worked the night shift at Kroger on Dickerson Road," said Jacque Lewis, former TSU student and Nashville resident.

Wisdom Junior is survived by his devoted, loving wife and author, Emma J Wisdom after over 49 years of marriage; one daughter, Rolanda Michelle Wisdom; one son, Edward I. Wisdom III; and a loving grandson, Erik L. Wisdom.

"He would always bring up his younger days when I checked him out," said Lewis. "He told me he used to be able to guess the right amount of money he owed (with tax) when he was done shopping to the cashier. He was a fast talker but articulate, I wish I had talked to him more."

The 71 year-old Wisdom Junior was the former TSU Director of Management Information. He retired from TSU in February after dedicating over 30 years to the university.

"Mr. Wisdom seemed to always

be in a good mood, and if you weren't, you were when he spoke to you," said Courtney Raibon TSU alumna. "There was a certain charm about him. He was such a great man with a caring heart. We will always love and remember him."

The funeral services of Edward Wisdom Junior were conducted Fri. Nov. 4, at Fifteenth Ave. Baptist Church.

Rapper Roscoe Dash visits campus



BY Ajaia Spicer
Assistant News Editor

Atlanta rap artist Roscoe Dash came to the campus of TSU. While on campus, Dash conducted a meet and greet with the students in the campus radio station, WTST The Blaze, in the Strange Performing Arts Center and the campus student media had the chance to interview with him.

Before his arrival on campus, students and staff were outside the building as well as lined up outside the radio station anxiously

awaiting his arrival. Once on campus, he was interviewed by *The Meter*. During the interview he talked about the success of his latest hit single titled, 'Good Good Night' which was recently on the BET's 106 and Park.

He also discussed his inspirations for making the hit singles that are consistently being played on radio stations everywhere. "Andre 300 of Outkast has been one of my biggest inspirations. He is not afraid to be himself and do daring things within his music," said Dash.

Dash is known for his songs

with Travis Porter and Soulja Boy, 'All the Way Turnt Up' and working with artist such as Wale and Waka Flocka with their hit 'No Hands'. "I'm happy to working with all these talented artist, but the goal now is to be known as an artist and not just a featured artist," said Dash, when asked about his future plans in the industry.

His appearance on campus also brought out TSU's own artist, such as Kvo and 2cent who have also had their video for their single *Hard Head* featured on 106 and Park.

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Each year during the Homecoming week, thousands of alumni and supporters flock to campus. With them, they bring tons of economic power that they wield throughout Nashville at hotels, restaurants, parties and other businesses.

Week of events bring many visitors, big bucks to local economy

BY CHRISTOPHER T. PATTERSON
Staff Reporter

Hotel rooms have been booked, restaurants are being patronized and students and alumni are shopping at area malls and boutiques.

It's homecoming 2011, which also means a boost to the city's economy.

The city only calculates direct visitor, not economic impact. In Nashville homecoming brings in approximately \$1 million in direct spending annually to the city, Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau officials said.

"The total economic impact with so many variables is a lot harder to calculate, but the overall financial impact to the city's restaurants, shops, rental car companies and other tourist related entities are positive to the city overall," said Connie Kinnard, senior vice president of multicultural sales and development for the Nashville CVB.

But the city isn't alone in cashing in on TSU's homecoming.

The athletic department benefits mainly from the homecoming game revenue generated through ticket sales, concessions and parking.

Last year, the university collected

\$26,000 from parking fees and \$116,640 from game ticket sales.

University officials are expecting to see a slight bump in ticket sales this year, bringing revenue to \$125,000.

"The increase comes from the number of more alumni we expect to come back this year," said Taneisha Alexander, ticket manager in TSU's athletic department.

Businesses along historic Jefferson Street are another benefactor of the school's annual festivities.

While business is steady for many merchants, this weekend brings that extra needed boost for the local

entrepreneurs.

"Many businesses survive off of the T.S.U. student population, said Sharon Hurt, executive director of the Jefferson Street United Merchants Group.

The organization is made up mostly of Jefferson Street business owners and stakeholders. Its mission is to preserve the thoroughfare's history and support entrepreneurs along the corridor.

"Businesses love and live for homecoming, every year. It's almost like Christmas," Hurt said.

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Change is forward movement



From Where I Sit
LaToya Pickett
Editor in Chief

In order to move forward, some things have to change.

Whether you like her or not, Interim President Portia Shields has been a driving force on campus in cultivating change in the last 10 months.

There have been programs cuts, increase in security presence, and new administrative faces.

Recently Shields has spoken with students about their apparel choices. The Tennessean reported she does not have any

plans of enforcing a dress code, but she does care about how students are preparing themselves for the real world.

Though I question some of her decisions, I am a strong advocate of making a great representation of one's self.

Attending college should plant seeds in preparing students for the real world. I applaud Shields' efforts to speak with students who simply do not get the importance of ensuring their clothing properly represents the professionals they want to become.

Perhaps you all have noticed that The Meter has also changed. You may not have seen many copies of the paper or

notice the website has not been recently updated.

We're working on those problems. Trust me, there are more changes to come.

This semester has been deemed as a testing period for me as editor-in-chief of this publication.

My editorial board and I have been training new staff members, getting accustomed to new leadership roles and trying to stay on schedule with publication dates.

For the rest of this semester, we have adopted a monthly publication schedule. In addition to this fourth edition you now hold in your hands, we will end the year with a strong

December issue.

We have changed the way we connect with you. In addition to our monthly print copies, you can also find The Meter on social media.

Follow us @TSUTheMeter and 'like us' on Facebook at TSU The Meter.

Additionally, we are in the process of totally revamping our website to make it more user friendly with a fresh, new look that is more reflective of the direction my team is taking this more than 60-year publication.

In the meantime, you can find updates about the TSU community at www.TSUTheMeter.tumblr.com.

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BY ORTERRIUS BURNETT



9 things The Meter staff are talking

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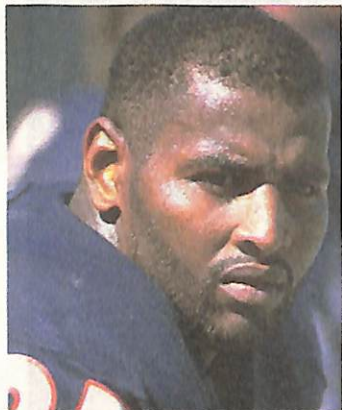


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Grand Marshals of Homecoming Parade

The 2011 Homecoming Parade will have two grand marshals - Barbara Curry Murrell and Richard Dent.

Murrell is the former Vice-President of Student Affairs of TSU. She is also the president of TSU's Vintagers Club and was Miss TSU in 1960.

Dent, who is a TSU alumnus, was inducted into the 2011 NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame. He played 12 of his 15 NFL seasons with the Chicago Bears and was named Super Bowl XX MVP. Dent also played with the San Francisco 49ers, Indianapolis Colts and Philadelphia Eagles.

Homecoming parade is at 9 a.m. Saturday.

TSU awarded \$1.3 million for cyber security research and education

Tennessee State University was recently awarded four grants totaling \$1.3 million from

the Department of Homeland Security and the National Science Foundation to support research and education activities in the area of cyber security and incidence management.

This funding will develop programs to prepare undergraduate and graduate students at TSU who are majoring in STEM for homeland security-related careers.



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TSU Forensics Team Wins Big

Since September, TSU Forensics Team has been awarded over 136 awards in competitions. The team has beaten universities such as Western Kentucky University, which was last year's national forensics champion.

Shields introduce drug dogs

On Oct. 27th, Interim President Portia Shields announced via Twitter that drug dogs would be coming to campus soon. The drug dogs have randomly been in residence halls and campus apartments.

Joe Frazier and Heavy D die

Former heavy champion, Joe Frazier died Monday at age 67 after a brief battle with liver cancer. He beat longtime rival Muhammad Ali in the Fight of the Century in the

Thrilla in Manila. He will long be remembered as one of the greatest boxers of his time.



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Rap legend Heavy D died Wednesday after collapsing at his home in Beverly Hills at 44 years old. Born Dwight Myers, he is most known for his radio friendly hits from his group Heavy D & the Boyz. He appeared in television shows Roc and Boston Public and had a brief cameo in Eddie Murphy's recent movie Tower Heist.



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MARSHALL LATIMORE

Delta and Kappa Chapter Anniversaries

Alpha Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Sigma

Theta Will be celebrating anniversaries during this year's homecoming.

Alpha Theta will be celebrating 80 years, chartered May 23, 1921.

Alpha Chi will be revaling a monument to honor their 75th anniversary, which was chartered May 15, 1936.

Oratorical Contest

Staring the first of homecoming 2011 event strong, junior Shondalyn Smith won first place. The contest was adopted by the department of communications in 1995.

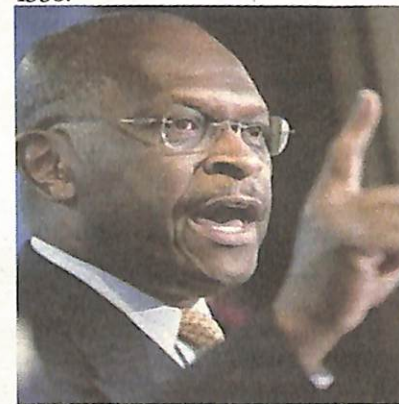


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Herman Cain Allegations

Within the past week, several women have accused Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain of sexual harassment. Cain continues to declare his innocence remains confident his supporters are still standing by his side.



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Penn State Scandal

Former Penn State assistant football coach, Jerry Sandusky, has been arrested and charged with 40 counts of sexual abuse. The incidents reportedly occurred between 1994 and 2009.

Athletic Director Tim Curley and Senior Vice President for Business and Finance Gary Schultz were also arrested and charged with lying to a grand jury being that they failed to report the incidents.



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Date Change for 2012 homemecoming

BY LATOYA D. PICKETT
Editor-In-Chief

Because alumni requested to have TSU's 2012 Homecoming game played against another HBCU, the athletic department and alumni association have moved the Homecoming week to Sept. 23-29, a weekend that wouldn't conflict with TSU's conference games.

The change would push the annual Homecoming week, usually scheduled for late October or early November, up by nearly six weeks. Officials said though the change may be inconvenient for some student groups, the date change is only for the Centennial Homecoming.

"(Because TSU) is in the Ohio Valley Conference, our game schedule is given to us," said

Athletic Director Teresa Phillips. "We are moving Homecoming to an open date early in the season that is not a conference game."

Even though many alumni and students would like to see a Homecoming game played in Hale Stadium on campus, Phillips said the game will not played there.

"For the past 13-14 years homecoming has not been play there, it has gotten too big. Before we went to the LP field, we play at the Vanderbilt Stadium," said Phillips.

Student reaction to the date move has been mixed, though most students favor the earlier dates.

"It all comes down to traditional value," said Lasullus Tyus, a sophomore business administration major from Chicago. "If it has been done in the

past then I don't see a problem."

Bree Bright, a freshman biology major from Louisville, Ky., also liked the change. "I like the idea. It's warmer. People would want to participate more," she said.

But not all students agree with the date change. Shannon Cunningham, a senior mass communications major from Chicago prefers the later Homecoming week.

"I think homecoming should stay like it is so there will be anticipation," Cunningham said.



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To continue the Centennial Celebration, homecoming will be Sept. 23-29, 2012.

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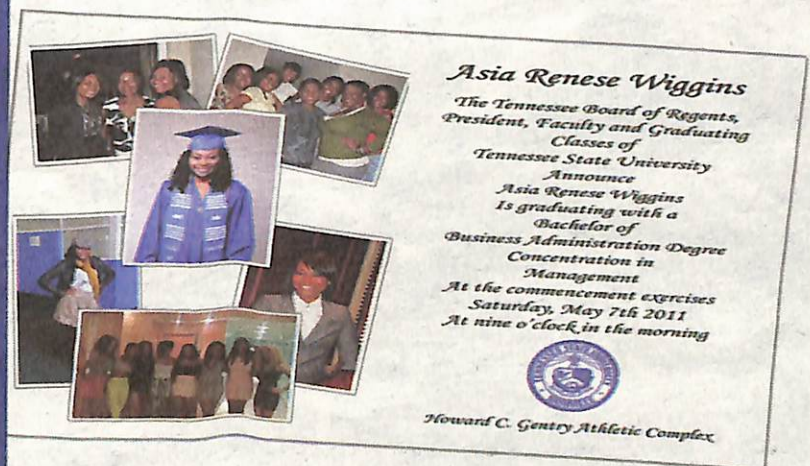
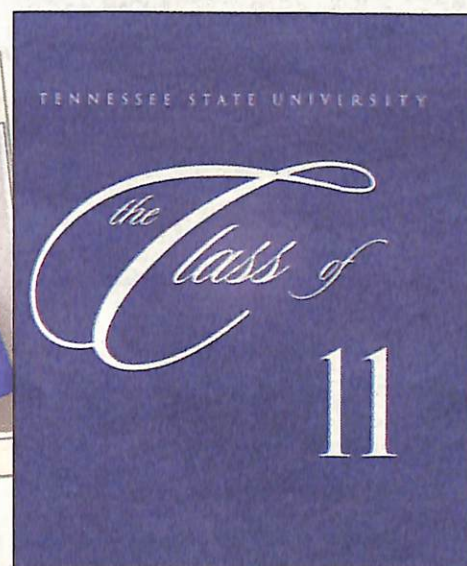
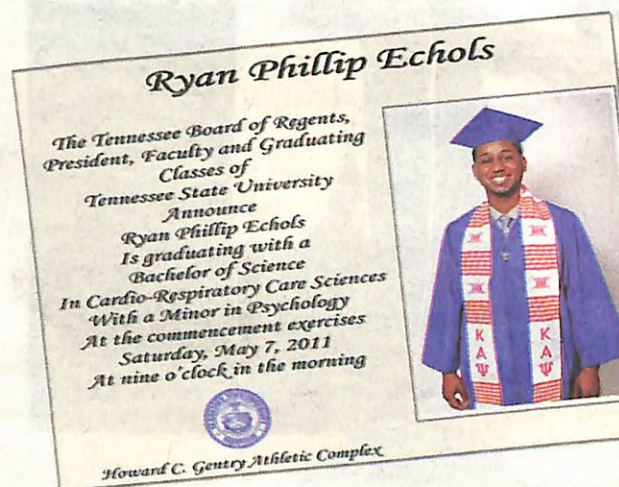
Left: Competitors from the Battle of the Residence Halls

Right: The crowning of Miss TSU, Ashleigh Taylor and Mr. TSU Thomas Lavlius

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» HOMECOMING 2011: STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Marching to a different beat

BY CORAL THEDE
Staff Reporter

Balancing roles as head drum major and chairman of student elections could be a lot of responsibilities for one person to handle. But Troy Lambert says he manages these tasks just fine.

When the senior Detroit native hits the field during halftime at Saturday's homecoming game, he'll be leading the 150-piece Aristocrat of Bands in one of his last big performances of the football season.

Lambert has served as a drum major for two years now. *The Meter* spoke with Lambert about his duties as drum major and what he looks forward to during homecoming.

How do you balance school, activities, and being drum major?

Anything you want to do, you'll do. If you don't want to do it, you won't make time for it.

What is your favorite part of being a drum major?

Giving it my all every time and leaving it all out there.

How do you motivate the band before a performance?

We pray as a group, then we listen to a set of songs that really get us in the zone and get us hyped up.

How is homecoming different?

For homecoming, each member is more self-motivated because of all the alumni that attend the game. Having all the alumni there is a big motivator.

What can we expect from the band at this year's homecoming?

It's going to be really interactive and things I haven't seen done before or at least in the last four years. We like to stay consistently modern and with new stuff too. We touch on all the areas we can.

What is your favorite part of homecoming?

The pep rally. It's like no other pep rally out there.

What do you love most about TSU?

The different opportunities it has granted me. I've done an internship in Iowa and it's given me a whole new global aspect and a



broader sense of the world. Also the environment and people, it's very inviting.

What other activities are you involved in?

I am a mentor for the Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (TLSAMP) program, Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity, Collegiate 100 and a freelance graphic artist

How do you feel about living in Nashville?

It has a warm, homey, inviting feeling that I'm not used to.

Has music always been a part of your life?

Yes, since elementary school. It all started with a trumpet, then the tuba. Music is a great motivator regardless of the situation, whether you're down and out or happy. From the tick of a watch to the sound of the band on the field, music is always around.



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SNAP, SNAP!

Capture your Homecoming 2012 memories with these online photo sharing options

BY PATRICK LEWIS

Business & Technology Editor

Hundreds of photos will be snapped during TSU Homecoming and students and alumni will be looking for ways to easily share the images with others.

The popularity of social media sites, especially Facebook, has fueled people to want to manage their photos in one location, while making them easily available for family and friends to view.

There is an array of photo sharing sites available, many with similar features, but are yet unique. Here are five different options to explore to see what fits your photo sharing needs.

Picasa **picasa.google.com**

After being acquired by Google, the site began being offered as a free download.

Picasa can be run under the programs Windows XP, Vista 7, and Mac OS X.

Pros:

- Nice layout for photos
- Can fit different platforms depending on the operating system
- Plenty of storage with 16TB being the highest

Cons:

- More complicated than the previous photo-sharing sites

Photobucket **www.photobucket.com**

Photobucket is the website population known for uploading, sharing, linking photos, graphics and videos.

Users can upload pictures from their computers or mobile phones.

The site has unlimited photo storage with a 500GB video limit.

Pros:

- Unlimited photo storage
- Video storage
- Awesome Snapbucket app

Cons:

- To receive more data for video you would have to pay extra
- Videos must be less than 10 minutes with paid account

Facebook **www.facebook.com**

Facebook is the largest public photo-sharing site on the web. The website is very user friendly making it easier to upload photos.

You can upload 200 photos per album and 100 pictures into the mobile uploads album.

Pros:

- Easy to view, post
- Can tag family and friends in photos
- Photo sharing app for iPhone
- Can post an unlimited number of photos

Cons:

- When uploading pictures through your mobile phone, it transfers directly to a photo album under the file "mobile uploads"

Tumblr **www.tumblr.com**

Tumblr swept the micro blogging world by storm in 2007 when their service received more than 3 million users.

In 2009, Tumblr created the iPhone app with a BlackBerry app following in 2010.

Pros:

- Ability to easily download video content to the website
- Easy to use
- Easily update profile from mobile device
- You can post an unlimited amount of photos on the Tumblr's app

Cons:

- Must have an account to store items or use their app
- There's a daily limit on how many pictures can be upload on Tumblr.com

Flickr **www.flickr.com**

Flickr is an image and video-hosting site that caters to the online community. The website is widely used by bloggers to embed images in their posts.

The website allows you to upload, edit, organize and share photos. There are privacy features that allow you to choose who can see your photos. It also offers copyright protection.

Pros:

- There is no storage limit. With a Flickr Pro account you can upload as many pictures as you want.
- Easy to use
- Visitors can watch slideshows.

Cons:

- Flickr requires that you create an account if you wanted to continually use their picture hosting site.
- There is no email notification if someone has commented on your photo

» HOMECOMING 2011: ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

TSU ALUMNA TRADES JOB IN CORPORATE AMERICA TO LAUNCH HER OWN PR FIRM

BY PATRICK LEWIS
Business & Technology Editor

An unstable economy didn't stop Miji Pearse-Hope from wanting to launch a business devoted to her passion. With the help of her husband, Terrell Hope, the Chicago native created Premium World Brand Management in 2009. Her Nashville-based business specializes in marketing, publicity and brand management. The 2010 business administrative graduate recently spoke with The Meter about her firm and plans for the future.

How did you launch your business?

I founded Premium Public Relations World LLC in August of 2009. Prior to PPRW, I was working full-time as an intern for a Fortune 500 company. Though it was my second summer with this particular company, I was completely uninterested in my day-to-day responsibilities. Despite the good pay and other perks, I knew that would be the last time I relied solely on a company, not owned by myself, to provide me with a fulfilling career. I remember thinking it can't be that difficult to do this. Plus, I felt an overwhelming passion and vision for the venture; I felt in my heart of hearts that being an entrepreneur was one of my true callings.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in public relations?

While conducting extensive research to help discover the type of business I wanted to open, I came across an article that said you should work in the field for which you have most God-given talent and passion; something you will do for free. The only "talent meets passion for free" industry I could sincerely identify with was communications or public relations. This is why I believe that founding this company was my calling.

Before I started this company, I never served in an internship role or even in a position in a PR firm or communications agency. However, I did know one thing, I was a skilled communicator. My excellent communication skills is what got me through undergrad at TSU, and are even responsible for all of the scholarship opportunities, awards and accolades I've ever had the benefit of receiving.

So with mixing together my passion and talent I gave birth to the Premium Public Relations World, affectionately called The Premium World. Today, The Premium World is steadfast in delivering excellent customer service and strategic expertise advice while providing actionable services to ensure high visibility, consistent marketing coverage and a lasting brand for our clients. In

terms of positioning, we are somewhere between a strategic brand firm and a creative marketing agency.

How would you describe your experiences at TSU?

My experience at TSU is something that I'll always feel indebted to. I was afforded many invaluable lessons and because of this I'm able to move through the world with a clear vision of whom I am and what I've come to accomplish.

What are some of your future endeavors?

As it pertains to the company, our goal is to continue to build a solid clientele and network of independent professionals, entrepreneurs and small to medium size enterprises or businesses. Most recently, it has been our goal to create and facilitate opportunities for groundbreaking and successful Africans to gain exposure in America. Our firm is in the process of forming strategic partnerships that will produce one-of-a-kind initiatives to ensure that African people are not forgotten and that the gap is bridged between Africans who live in Africa and Africans who live in America.

In many of these relationships, the individuals and/or businesses will come on board as clients as well. Our initial target for these life-changing partnerships is West Africa, Nigeria to be more specific. During the two plus years we have been established, PWBW has taken amazing strides and has had the opportunity to work with some of the most prominent athletes, entertainers, authors, educators and professionals across the country. In light of this, it is our ultimate goal to simply continue doing work that matters remain forward moving and to inspire others who need to see a tangible example that living your dreams is possible. You can do it.

What do you want your legacy to be?

I'd want my legacy to be two-fold and perceived as knowledge acquired and action taken. I care deeply about the state of African-American young women. I would want the female students at TSU to use my life, both the trials and achievements, as an example that they too can accomplish their goals and live their dreams. After these young ladies understand that, I'd want them to take that same understanding as ammo and do the same thing, but better and bigger than me. I know I've been paid for and I would be honored to be able to pay for someone else.

For more information on Premium World Brand Management, visit www.thepremiumworld.com.



Miji Pearse-Hope

SWAC decision will have to wait

Joining the SWAC would mean leaving the OVC

BY ALLEN MCREYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

TSU will rule on the invitation to join the Southwestern Athletic Conference once a new university president is hired, said Teresa Phillips, the school's athletic director.

Last year, the Southwestern Athletic Conference or SWAC, invited TSU to join the 10-school, Birmingham-based conference for all athletic sports.

A move to the SWAC would mean TSU would leave the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC).

"(Joining the SWAC is) not an athletic director decision, it's way bigger than the athletic department decision," Phillips said. "That's why our interim president has held off on answering the question due to financial implications.

"We're also waiting on a new leadership of a permanent president, as it will only be right for an official president to make that decision," she added.

SWAC is one of two southern athletic conferences comprised of all historically black colleges and universities including Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Alcorn State, Mississippi Valley State, Jackson State, Arkansas Pine-Bluff, Grambling State, Prairie View, Southern and Texas Southern universities.

TSU, the lone HBCU in the OVC, joined the 11-school conference in 1986 and began league play two years later.

The Tigers have had some success in the league, winning two football championships, two men's basketball championships, two women's basketball championships, four women's track



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The decision to move to the SWAC will have to wait until a permanent is in place, according to Theresa Phillips.

championships and a volleyball championship.

However, lately, losing records have kept such championships out of reach.

"TSU already plays two to three SWAC teams a year, bringing in big revenue for the games and great competition," said Duer Sharp, SWAC commissioner. "(The SWAC is) a better fit for TSU since we're all historically black colleges.

"Also old and new rivalries will be made such as TSU vs. Grambling like back in the day," Sharp said. "It will also bring more national attention to TSU due to our contract with certain

TV stations such as ESPN."

Phillips agreed the university joining SWAC is a right fit in a HBCU perspective, but she also acknowledged there are some disadvantages.

"There would be the geographical challenge, traveling cost, and we would have to establish new rivalries in other sports beside football," she said. "But the biggest challenge is the geographical distance."

Sharp said traveling costs could be funded using the revenue from big home games that would help offset the costs to places like Prairie View and Texas Southern universities.



'Hole' dreams to come with cost

BY MICHAEL CURTIS
Sports Editor

Alumni and students interested in returning to the Hole by the centennial Homecoming may have to let that dream go, as William J. Hale Stadium needs approximately \$1.5 million in renovations—that have yet to be financed.

Hale Stadium, affectionately known as the Hole, was built in 1953 and has a capacity of approximately 10,000 fans.

For alumni, the Hole is home to many fond football memories: TSU went undefeated in 10 separate seasons, won 10 championships in what used to be the Midwest conference, and claimed the Ohio Valley Conference championship in 1998, which was the last season of football played in the stadium.

"The 2012 football schedule is not totally finalized," said Jewell Winn, executive assistant to the president. "We have an average of four to five home games. The John Merritt Classic and Homecoming games will not be played in Hale Stadium."

Unfortunately, returning to Hale Stadium comes at a cost. The stadium requires an immense renovation in order to return to a usable condition.

As of now, Hale Stadium does not have any restrooms. The foundation that the seats are sitting on also is in dire need of repair, and there are not enough seats for the crowds TSU games now regularly draw—well above 25,000 people for classic games and Homecoming.

"Repairs and site improvements for the Hole are tentatively scheduled to begin in December," said Ron Brooks, associate vice president for facilities management. "We will demolish the old ROTC Building, add 4,000 auditorium [seats], upgrade the scoreboard and play clocks, repair the sound system, add restrooms and concession areas, repair existing grandstand concrete, and clean and paint."

Interim TSU President Portia Shields said she would like to see at least three of TSU's football games played at Hale Stadium on campus in 2012.

In the meantime, the Hole is still being used. Currently, the Hole is being used regularly for practice by the football team.

It also has been used for Homecoming pep rallies, as it will be this year if weather permits.

The first on-campus football game during the centennial year is scheduled for next September, and most students—and alumni—want this change to happen.

"Renovating The Hole would be the best thing TSU has done for the campus," said Mayim Stafford, a junior early childhood major from Nashville. "By playing in the Hole, it would save TSU more money and our Tigers would probably win more games."

The costs of renovating the Hole are being split between current students, alumni, and the university's alumni associations and affinity groups.

Last year during SEC week, students passed a vote to restore



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Hale stadium repairs will cost approximately \$1.5 million. However, minor renovations are scheduled to begin as early as this December.

the Hole. Though an increase was approved, it won't be instituted this year.

"The students approved an increase for this academic year, but it was not assessed," said Cynthia Brooks, vice president of business and finance. "What has been approved by the State Building Commission is Phase I of the project, and an increase will not be required

for Phase I."

For alumni, the university conducted a philanthropic giving campaign through the office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

The campaign, called the "Centennial Bricks Celebration," allowed alumni, friends, and supporters of TSU to purchase bricks for \$50; each brick will be engraved and on display during

Homecoming.

However, though some people thought the bricks were in support of the Hole, they were actually for another Centennial-themed cause.

"(Approximately) \$30,000 was raised by the alumni," said Director of Annual Giving, Cassandra Griggs. "That money goes to the centennial scholarship fund."

Football readies for final games of season

BY MICHAEL CURTIS
Sports Editor

The TSU football team is nine games into the season and their record is 4-5 (3-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). Their last game was an 18-17 win against Eastern Illinois University.

Injuries have been a key part of this season but the Tigers used their bye week to get healthy.

The TSU Tigers will play its final two games of the season at

LP Field.

Basketball teams start seasons today

The men and women's basketball team held their first practices earlier this month with many students attending to lend their support.

The men's basketball team officially begins the 2011-2012 season tonight when the Tigers travel to play the Saint Louis University Billikens. The Lady Tigers also kick off their 2011-12

season today with a game against Cleveland State University.

Lady Tigers boast winning season

The TSU volleyball team is holding strong with this season with a 16-9 record and an 11-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Their last game was a 3-1 victory over Austin Peay in the final home match of the season.

The Tigers return to action Tuesday, Nov. 8 against University of Tennessee Martin.

Men, women's golf teams complete fall season

The TSU men's golf team concluded the fall season with a 15th place finish at the F&M Bank Intercollegiate Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Novadell Golf Course.

The women's golf team completed the fall season finishing 10th at the event.

'Belles and Flying Tigers complete cross country play

The TSU men's and women's cross country teams finished the 2011 regular season at the Front Runner Invitational hosted by Chattanooga on Saturday Oct. 15.

Both teams placed fourth overall as the Tigerbelles accumulated 120 points in the two-mile and the Flying Tigers picked up 117 points in the 5K race.

The men finished 9th with 289 points on Oct. 29 at the OVC Conference Championships. The Tigerbelles put up 321 points and came in 10th.

Basketball teams prepare for season openers

BY MICHAEL CURTIS
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An NBA season may still be in question, but TSU Tigers men's basketball team has already ignited the court and the ripened women's basketball team is also primed for a great season.

The men's basketball team has already netted a win for Tigers basketball this season by defeating the Trevecca Nazarene Trojans last Thursday.

The team plans to repeat that success this weekend the St. Louis University Bilikens.

Men's basketball coach John Cooper and women's basketball coach Tracee Wells shared their team's preseason success and plans for the upcoming season during the second annual media 'Meet and Greet' last month.

Lady Tigers ready to dominate on the road

Wells, in her eighth season with the team, has a mature team, with nine returning letter-winners, two redshirt freshmen and two newcomers.

The Lady Tigers will play their first game Friday against Cleveland State University.

Tigers off to a winning start

The men's basketball team defeated the Trojans 90-52 with a balanced offensive attack last Thursday in front of 4,500 fans at the Gentry Center.

Four Tigers - Patrick Miller, Robert Covington, M.J. Rhett and Jordan Cyphers - reached double-figure scores in the game as the Tigers shot 55 percent (14-of-27) from the floor.

Defensively, they managed to hold the Trojans to just 39 percent (18-of-46) for the game. TSU

had 10 three-pointers in the win, while out-rebounding the Trojans, 34-22.

Cooper, in his third season with the Tigers, touted his team's preseason titles wins during the media event.

Covington was named preseason All-Conference by CBS Sports and College Sports Madness.

Senior Kenny Moore was named second team All-Conference by College Sports Madness.

"The guys played as a unit," said Colton Dozier, a senior mechanical engineering major from Detroit. "They moved the ball well and never let up. They also kept pressure on the opponent to match their level of play."

The Tigers return to the Gentry Center on Nov. 16 to play Fisk University in their first home game of the season.



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